ANTEDILUVIAN REMAINS IN FRANCE.—The construction of railroads promises to afford an inexhaustible source of valuable geological discoveries. Wherever the engineers have opened trenches, numerous remains of antediluvian animals have been found. Their number is often so great in different parts that it vies with that of the round pebbles among which they are lying. At Perrigny, near Dijon, it was deemed necessary to cut the road across a small hill, where bones of bears, elephants, rhinoceroses, jackals, wolves, horses, &c. were so multiplied that it is doubtful that our burying grounds can contain so large a quantity of human remains. Among them were fragments and stumps of elephant's teeth of so enormous a size that the imagination is actually terrified at the idea of the stature of the animals to which those frightful arms belonged.—*Moniteur.*

THE LATE FIRE AT BRAHAM'S PIMLICO.—We are happy to observe that the premises appear from the road to be quite reinstated, and we are informed that advantage has been taken of the opportunity afforded (by the recent fire) for greatly improving the buildings, &c., for the more effectually carrying on the business of the proprietor, Mr. Charles Robinson.

HAMPTON COURT PALACE. — Wolsey's splendid hall, or, as Evelyn termed it, "the moste magnificente roome," is once again undergoing repair. The roof is about to be again gilded, and the spirit of renovation hovers over the venerable remains of the work of him whose blighted ambition has left a name to point a moral and adorn a tale.

Current Prices of Metals.

March 29, 1844.

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SPELTER.—Foreign ton ..	0 0 0 to 22 10 0	
,, For delivery..	21 5 0 — 21 10 0	
ZINC—English sheet	0 0 0 — 30 0 0	
QUICKSILVER ..... per lb.	0 4 6	
IRON—English bar, &c.,... per ton.	5 15 0	
,, Nail rods	0 0 0 — 6 5 0	
,, Hoops	7 15 0 — 8 0 0	
,, Sheets	8 10 0 — 8 15 0	
,, Cargo in Wales ..	0 0 0 — 5 0 0	
,, Pig. No. 1, Wales	3 5 0 — 3 10 0	
,, No. 1, Clyde	2 10 0 — 2 12 6	
,, For., Swedish	9 5 0 — 9 10 0	
,, Russian, ccnd.....	16 10 0	
STEEL—Swedish keg ..... p. ton	18 10 0	
,, ,, Faggot..	0 0 0 — 19 0 0	
COPPER—English sheathing, per lb.	— 0 0	9½
,, Old..... ditto.	0 0	8
,, Cake p. ton....	0 0 0 — 84 0 0	
,, Tile	82 0 0 — 83 0 0	
,, S. American ..	72 0 0 — 75 0 0	
TIN—English, blocks, &c. cwt.,...	3 13 6	
,, ,, bars	0 0 0 — 3 14 6	
,, Foreign. Banca	3 5 6 — 3 8 0	
,, ,, Straits....	0 0 0 — 3 4 0	
,, ,, Peruvian..	0 0 0 — 3 0 0	
Tin plates, No. 1C. p. box	1 5 0 — 1 8 0	
,, ,, No. 1X.....	1 11 0 — 1 14 0	
,, ,, wasters 3s. p. box less		
LEAD—Sheet milled ..... per ton	17 15 0	
,, Shot, patent	0 0 0 — 19 15 0	
,, Red.....	21 10 0	
,, White.....	23 10 0	
PIG-LEAD—English	0 0 0 — 17 0 0	
,, Spanish	0 0 0 — 16 10 0	
,, American ..	0 0 0 — 16 5 0	

ERRATA.

In the 20th line of the 3rd column, page 171, for "If he does he is not." read "If he does not be is."

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We have had the truss and scarfing of the roof over the Princess's Theatre engraved, and will insert them in our next, if our correspondent will favour us with an account of the clear span of the roof and the scantlings of its timbers.

"Polyglot" *may send us any communication he likes towards an Architectural Glossary: a hint, a scarce word, an old reading, may be of service.*

We have not received the communication of "Philo."

To "W. W. W.'s" "anxious inquirim" *relative to our progress in collecting specimens of Gothic architectural details, we beg to reply that besides laying down several measures for their collection, we have at present in hand twenty-five such subjects.*

TO "A MEMBER OF THE WOODEN TRUSS SOCIETY,"—*we beg to say that we have seen the trusses in question lately applied between the hip-rafters of two houses in the Westminster and Borough Road, opposite the Queen's Bench Prison. We did not measure them, but were told they were 90 feet long, with beams 2 feet 6 inches deep, in several layers, joined in their length with iron plates in their scarfings, and with only two iron queen-suspenders in the length. If any correspondent will furnish us with a drawing of them, with the scantlings and full particulars of them and their iron-work, we shall with pleasure insert them in* THE BUILDER.

"A Catholic Architect," *who craves advice upon the use of cowls, we refer to our advertisements.*

The Irish Antiquities in our next.

We are sorry to say any thing disagreeable to our correspondent, MR. CRABB-MORTISE, *but we think "the less of his company the better," believing that he has cracked a great many ceilings in otherwise very good houses. When we come to treat more at large upon carpentry, he will find we have reasons enough against him.*

To the appeal of "One cautious in his p's and q's," *we beg to say the compound word, or appellation, should always be written* Breast-summer, *from* "Breast," *signifying a hanging-work of masonry or brickwork, as the front of a chimney, termed a* "chimney-breast," *and* "Summer," *an old English word signifying a beam of burthen, frequently called also* "Summer-tree," *equivalent to the modern term* "Girder;" *which term not expressing the office of such a beam, ought to be exploded, and the old word* "Summer" *should be restored. The term* "Bressummer" *is a gross corruption.*

MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC BODIES,

To-day and during the ensuing week.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6.—*Westminster Medical*, 32, Sackville-street, 8 P.M.

MONDAY, 8.—*Medical*, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, 8 P.M.

TUESDAY, 9. — *Medical and Chirurgical*, 53, Berners-street, 8½ P.M.; *Zoological*, 57, Pall Mall, 8½ P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 10. — *Graphic*, Thatched House Tavern, 8 P.M.; *Pharmaceutical*, 17, Bloomsbury-square, 9 P.M.; *Ethnological*, 8 P.M.

FRIDAY, 12. — *Astronomical*, Somerset House, 8 P.M.; *Botanical*, 20 Bedford-street, Covent Garden, 8 P.M.

SATURDAY 13.—*Royal Botanic*, Regent's-park, 4 P.M.; *Westminster Medical*, 32, Sackville-street, 8 P.M.

BRITISH MUSEUM.—Open to the public every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 till 7 during May, June, July, and August, and from 10 till 4 the rest of the year; except the first week in January, May, and September. Ash-Wednesday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, and Fast or Thanksgiving Days. The *Natural History Collections* are open for study and comparison of specimens, to persons having permission, on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 till 4. The *Reading Room* is open to persons having tickets of admission every day (except Sundays, and when the Museum is closed, as above mentioned), from 9 till 7 in May, June, July, and August, and from 9 till 4 during the rest of the year. The *Gallery of Antiquities* is open to students having tickets every day in the week, except Saturdays and Sundays (and those times when the Museum is closed), at the same hours as the Reading Room.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—The *Museum* is open to visitors on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 12 till 4, except during the month of September; on Friday to gentlemen for studying in it; and on Saturday from 10 till 1 to gentlemen desirous of comparing specimens with those in the Museum. The *Library* is open to members and students of the college, and visitors having tickets of admission, daily (Sundays excepted), from the 1st of October to the 1st of April, from 10 till 4; and from the 1st of April to the 1st of September, from 10 till half-past 5.

LINNEAN SOCIETY.—*Library* open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and the *Museum* on Wednesday and Friday, from 12 o'clock to 4 in the afternoon.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—*Library* and *Museum* are open every day from 11 till 5.

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY. — *Museum* is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 11 till 4.

UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION.—*Museum* open all the year, from 11 till 5 in summer, and from 11 till 4 in winter. Admission by members' tickets.

LONDON INSTITUTION.—Lectures will be delivered every Monday and Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, until May 6.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY.—*Herbarium* open every Wednesday and Friday evening, from 7 till 10 (except September).

CIVIL ENGINEERS.—*Library* open from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—*Museum* open every Tuesday from 1 till 7.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.—Open every week-day except Wednesday, between 10 and 2. Admission by members' tickets.

The meetings of the following Societies are continued throughout the year, on the regular days:—HORTICULTURAL, ZOOLOGICAL, ENTOMOLOGICAL, BOTANICAL, ROYAL BOTANIC, and PHARMACEUTICAL.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

For executing certain extensive Additions and Alterations of County Gaol and Penitentiary at Gloucester, and of the several Houses of Correction at Horsley, Lawfords-gate, Littledean, and Northleach, in said county.—Plans, &c., at the Office of the County Surveyor, in Barton-street, Gloucester: April 8.

ERECTING A NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE AND BUILDINGS, ST. AUGUSTINE, BRISTOL.—Plans, &c., at Messrs. T. Foster and Son, Architects, Park-street, Bristol. April 8, 1844.

For Erecting a Gasholder, 80 feet in diameter.—Plans, &c., Commercial Gas Light and Coke Company's Offices, Stepney; further particulars Mr. T. Mercer, Engineer on the Works. April 10.

For putting up Pipes, Boilers, &c., for heating the new Prison, Belfast, and for supplying 700 locks.—Plans, &c., at the Office of Mr. Lanyon, Belfast; John Coates, Carrickfergus. April 10.

For works required in the enlargement of the Liverpool Workhouse.—Day for sending in Contracts, &c., postponed *sine die.*

For making certain Repairs on the Church of Bethelvie.—Plan, &c., J. Smith, Esq., Architect, Aberdeen. April 17.

For Erecting a Church at New Radford, near Nottingham.—Plans, &c., H. J. Stevens, Esq., Architect, 16, Pall-street, Derby.

For executing extensive Additions and Repairs to the Manse of Mortlach, and for Erecting new Offices there.—Plans, &c., at the Manse. Further particulars T. M'Kenzie, Esq., Architect, Elgin. April 17.

CAMBRIDGE.—For the several works to be executed at the corner of St. John's and Bridge-streets: Mr. Clemence, Surveyor, Chesterton-road. The day for receiving Tenders not fixed.

PREMIUM..

£150 for the best design, plans, and estimates for a Pauper Lunatic Asylum, Derby (unless the person furnishing the same be employed to superintend the execution of the works); £100 for the second best design, and £50 for that which may be considered next in merit.—Mr. Barber, Derby April 20.

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